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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY SERVICES TO AMERICAN CITIZENS: POST PROFILE

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1. OFFICE HOURS

A. 8:00 AM - 4:45 PM

B. 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

C. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CONSULAR SECTION CLOSES AT 1:00 PM AND
THEREFORE NOT STAFFED.

D. 21-1681

E. (1) SENIOR CONSULAR OFFICER 222

(2) VICE CONSUL 218

(3) NIV SECTION 216-217

(4) IV INQUIRIES 231-233

(5) IV CLERKS 225-227

(6) PPT AND CIT 224

(7) RHODESIAN NIV SECTION 223

F. NO

G. LIST OF HOLIDAYS CONSISTENT THROUGHOUT SOUTH AFRICA. SEE

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CAPE TOWN A-12.

2. AFTER HOURS COVERAGE

A. NO.

B. YES. HIGH PRECEDENCE TRAFFIC ONLY, WHEN ALERTED BY POST'S
DUTY COMMUNICATOR OR BY COMMUNICATION CENTER IN PRETORIA.

C. MARINE GUARD IN PRETORIA APPROXIMATELY 35 MILES FROM DOWNTOWN
JOHANNESBURG REFERS CALLS TO DUTY OFFICER.

D. IN SOME INSTANCES YES. THIS AWARENESS, HOWEVER, IS NOT
ESSENTIAL AS ANYONE CALLING CONSULATE GENERAL DURING NON-WORKING
HOURS HEARS RECORDED MESSAGE WHICH REFERS THEM TO MARINE GUARD
IN PRETORIA (SEE C. ABOVE)

3. REGISTRATION/NOTICE BOARD

A. NO

B. YES. THE BULLETIN BOARD IS LOCATED IN MAIN RECEPTION AREA.

4. SEARCHING FOR MISSING PERSONS.

A. SA IMMIGRATION SERVICE COMPUTERIZES ALL ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE
INFORMATION WITHIN FOUR DAYS. ONLY THE NAME OF THE PERSON ARRIVING
OR DEPARTING IS REQUIRED FOR RETRIVAL PURPOSES. A REPLY TAKES
SEVEN TO FOURTEEN DAYS.

B. THIS SERVICE IS PROVIDED GRATIS.

C. (1) CHECK POST REGISTRATION

(2) CHECK LOCAL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY.

(3) THROUGH INFORMAL CONTACTS IN RHODESIA.

(4) THROUGH EMPLOYER IF KNOWN OR PROVIDED.

(5) SENDING COMMUNICATION TO LAST KNOWN ADDRESS.

(6) CHECK WITH RELATIVE, FRIENDS, OR CONTACTS KNOWN OR
PROVIDED.

(7) CHECK WITH LOCAL HOTELS WHICH AMCITS KNOWN TO FREQUENT.

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D. THE LOCAL POLICE REQUIRE A FULL PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PERSON, AND THEY PREFER TO WAIT FOR SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE INITIATING SEARCH. NO.

E. NO.

F. SEARCHES BY PLANE AND HELICOPTER.

5. SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR)

A. NONE

B. YES. LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAINTAINS WELL TRAINED AIR AND SEA RESCUE UNITS AND CAN RELY ON AIR COMMANDO GROUP COMPOSED OF CIVILIANS WHICH CAN ALSO BE ACTIVATED TO AID IN AIR SEARCHES.

C. CONSULAR AND OFFICE OF AIR ATTACHE IN PRETORIA.

D. N/A.

6. LOCAL COMMUNICATION

A. DIRECT DIALING. BASED ON LOCAL EXPERIENCE, POST RATES DOMESTIC SYSTEM FAIR TO POOR.

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B. YES.

C. (1) TELEGRAMS USUALLY DELIVERED BY POST OFFICE SHORTLY AFTER THEIR RECEIPT.

(2) GOOD.

(3) IMMEDIATELY. NO.

(4) NEVER.

(5) YES.

(6) AMEX, FNCB, CHASE MANHATTAN AS WELL AS SEVERAL LOCAL SA BANKING FACILITIES WITH WHICH CONSULATE HAS VERY GOOD WORKING RELATIONS.

(7) UP TO THREE DAYS AT MAXIMUM.

(8) POST HAS EXPERIENCED NO DELAYS IN CLEARING FUNDS.

(9) FUNDS THEN TRANSFERRED TO LOCAL ASSOCIATE BANK WHICH ALSO TAKES MAXIMUM OF UP TO THREE DAYS.

D. (1) SEVEN TO FOURTEEN DAYS.

(2) BASED ON LOCAL EXPERIENCE THIS SERVICE BOTH INTERNALLY AND EXTERNALLY IS FAIR TO GOOD.

E. RADIO STATIONS AND HAM OPERATORS ARE AVAILABLE. POST HOWEVER, HAS NOT HAD TO APPROACH EITHER CONCERNING SUCH A REQUEST.

7. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION.

A. (1) DAILY, BOTH THROUGHOUT THE REPUBLIC AS WELL AS INTERNATIONAL

.

(2) NOT NORMALLY AVAILABLE THROUGH AIRLINES (SEE 4-A ABOVE).

(3) VERY GOOD FOR BOTH INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL TRAVELLERS.

B. (1) YES.

(2). YES

C. VERY UNLIKELY.

D. VERY UNLIKELY

E. HAS POSSIBILITIES BUT ONLY IF THIS KIND OF INFORMATION IS KNOWN IN ADVANCE.

8. OTHER.

NO COMMENTS.

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